

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Patent Appl. S.N. 09/266,253

Docket No. 1232-4522

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REMARKS

Claims 1-53 will be pending in this application upon entry of the above Amendment.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12-14, 17, 19-22, 25-28, 30-33, 35-40, 44-47, and 49 have been amended.

Claims 50-53 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request early examination and allowance of all claims.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or insufficient fees or credit any payment or overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4522. A duplicate of this authorization is attached for the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

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